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SUBJECT: ICRC PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: GENEVA 4165

1. FRANK SIEVERTS, DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (D/HA), MET JUNE 6 WITH ICRC  
PRESIDENT ALEXANDRE HAY AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS  
JEAN-PIERRE HOCHE FOR FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION ON HAY'S  
MEETING MAY 21 IN GENEVA WITH SECRETARY VANCE. PRINCIPAL  
TOPIC WAS ICRC'S PLANS FOR \$2.5 MILLION HUMANITARIAN  
RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO AID DISPLACED PERSONS,  
DETAINEES, AND THEIR FAMILIES IN RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA,  
MOZAMBIQUE, AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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2. PROPOSED PROGRAM FOLLOWS UP ON PRESIDENT HAY'S VISIT TO  
RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA EARLIER THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH HAY DID  
NOT SUCCEED IN ARRANGING FORMAL ICRC VISITS ON DETAINEES,  
HE WAS ABLE TO LAY THE BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM, WHICH ICRC HOPES WILL HAVE RELATED BENEFIT OF  
PERMITTING INFORMAL VISITS TO POLITICAL DETAINEES WITHIN  
FRAMEWORK OF PROVIDING MEDICAL AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO

THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

3. DETAILS OF ICRC PROGRAM WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN FORMAL APPEAL TO CONTRIBUTOR GOVERNMENTS TO BE ISSUED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. ICRC HOPES FOR SUBSTANTIAL USG CONTRIBUTION AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS UK, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE, SCANDINAVIANS, JAPAN, ETC. ICRC DELEGATES HAVE ALREADY VISITED MOST CAPITALS IN THE AREA AND EXPECT TO BE STATIONED FULL-TIME IN SALISBURY AND LUSAKA AS WELL AS SOUTH AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: FORTHCOMING ICRC PROGRAM REFLECTS HAY'S SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND HIS AND ICRC'S HOPE THAT PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL STRENGTHEN ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN ROLE IN THE AREA, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELPING ALLEVIATE SERIOUS HUMANITARIAN AND RELIEF PROBLEMS. ICRC IS COORDINATING ITS EFFORTS IN THIS AREA WITH UNHCR AND OTHER UN AGENCIES TO ASSURE EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES. MISSION WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN FORMAL ICRC REQUEST IS RECEIVED. END COMMENT. SORENSON

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